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TEXTILE AND LEATHER PRODUCTION IMPROVES;
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ASHKHBAD TEXTILE FACTORY PROMISES IMPROVEMENT -- Turkmeneskaya Iskra, No 150,
30 Jul 48

The Ashkhabad textile factory fulfilled its annual plan only 93.3 percent. However, as a result of a recent reorganization, average daily output has increased 10-15 percent. Factory workers pledge to fulfill the plan within the very near future and produce 200,000 rubles worth of goods above the plan. This means that they will attain the prewar level for the production of cloth and will increase the manufacture of yarn 25 percent over that of 1940.

TEBILISI COTTON MILL GETS NEW CARDING SHOP -- Zarya Vostoka, No 149, 27 Jul 48

A carding shop has been set up at the Tbilisi Cotton Mill. Prior to this, combed cotton yarn, which is necessary for the production of high-quality woolen and silk fabrics, was shipped from factories in Moscow Oblast. Equipment has been installed and the shop is already producing high-quality yarn from long-fibered cotton.

NEW WEAVING MILL OPENED -- Sovetskaya Moldaviya, No 148, 27 Jul 48

The Romanovskiy Rayon Industrial Combine, which turns out colored leather goods, upholstered furniture, furniture upholstery, and other consumer items, opened a new weaving mill. In the near future, the inhabitants of the region will be able to purchase good-quality woolen blankets and other locally produced goods. The mill utilizes waste products obtained in the production of sheepskin-lined coats.

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ESTONIAN ROPE PLANT FULFILLS 9-MONTH PLAN -- Sovetskaya Estoniya, No 177,
28 Jul 48

The Estonia Rope Plant, one of the leading enterprises of the textile industry of the Estonia SSR, has fulfilled the 9-month plan 103 percent, 2 months ahead of schedule. Since the beginning of 1948, the plant has produced over 180 tons of rope and about 3,500 meters of floor mats. This is five times more than was manufactured during the corresponding period of 1947.

COMMUNISTS STEP UP "LITUANIKA" SHOE OUTPUT -- Sovetskaya Litva, No 179,
30 Jul 48

In 1948 the party organization of the "Lituanika" Shoe Factory (chief engineer, Luchinin) took steps to improve production. New equipment was installed and the stretching and the sewing and gluing shops were enlarged.

The factory continues to increase its production. The March plan for gross and unit production was fulfilled 100.8 percent. The gross output in June amounted to 193 percent of the plan, and output in assortment was 116 percent of the plan. The factory now turns out only 1.2 percent of its production in third-rate shoes. The rest of its output is first- and second-rate shoes.

TBILISI TRADE COOPERATIVE COMPLETES 6-MONTH PLAN -- Zarya Vostoka, No 149,
27 Jul 48

Industrial enterprises and artels of the Molotovskiy Rayon Trade Cooperative, Tbilisi City, completed their half-year plans successfully and produced 4,280,000 rubles worth of commodities. The following concerns operated efficiently: Plant imeni Ordzhonikidze, Sewing Factory No 1, Sample Footwear Factory, and Footwear Factory No 3. Among those plants which did not fulfill their 6-month plans were: the School Supplies and Visual Aid Equipment Factory, the Cartographic Factory, and others.

A large quantity of tobacco, thread and other commodities have been stored in the artel's warehouses. The quality of these commodities is extremely poor, consequently, they are difficult to sell. The Newspaper Combine always exceeds its plan, but here again the quality of output is below standard.

The "Izmeritel'" Artel produced numerous defective pots and pans, while Candy Factory No 2 manufactured 2,569 kilograms of spoiled candy during the first 6 months of 1948.

The Sample Footwear Factory is one of the few factories which has practiced economy and was able to realize a profit of 117,000 rubles during the first half of 1948. This factory fulfilled its 7-month plan by 19 July and completed 68.5 percent of the 1948 plan instead of the stipulated 62 percent. Several economic measures enabled the Cartographic Factory to save 95,000 rubles.

BELORUSSIAN INDUSTRIAL COMBINES PRODUCTION POOR -- Sovetskaya Belorussiya,
No 148, 27 Jul 48

The Gorodokskiy Rayon Industrial Combine (director, Dolgopol'skiy) Vitebsk Oblast, is the leading industrial combine in Belorussia. The combine fulfilled the plan for the first half-year 110 percent and accrued a profit of 108,000 rubles above the plan. Considerable amounts of construction fittings, agricultural equipment, furniture, dishes, and soap are

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turned out by this enterprise. The workers pledged to produce a half million rubles worth of commodities in excess of the 1948 plan amounting to 1.1 million rubles. The combine's management has made preparations to organize two work shifts and to mechanize numerous labor-consuming operations.

A majority of the Rayon industrial combines are operating inefficiently and are not fulfilling their production quotas. Only 62 out of 194 Rayon industrial combines completed their production plans in 1947. Only 85.2 percent of the 6-month plan of 1948 has been carried out by the local Rayon industry and one million rubles worth of essential types of commodities were not manufactured.

A mere 78 percent of the 6-month plan was fulfilled by Rayon industrial combines of Minsk Oblast, only 10 out of 40 varieties of goods were produced and more than one million rubles worth of commodities were not delivered to the State. The Pleshchitskiy Rayon Industrial Combine (director, Ovchinnikov) did not meet its plan for the output of any product.

Poor operations of the Pukhovichiyskiy Rayon Industrial Combine are attributed by Dubershteyn, chief engineer of the combine, almost exclusively to a shortage of joiner's glue. The Krasnoslobodskiy Rayon Industrial Combine is turning out such defective furniture and earthenware that the Rayon Consumers' Union has refused to accept these commodities.

STANISLAV LOCAL INDUSTRIES TURN OUT SLIPSHOD GOODS -- Pravda Ukrainy, No 179, 30 Jul 48

In the first six months of 1948, Stanislav Oblast light industry sewing enterprises under the direction of Afonskiy failed to supply the workers of the oblast by 8,840,000 rubles' worth of clothing, while the shoe enterprises of the Oblast (including Factory No 8 of "Ukrkozhytrest") failed to turn out 1,570,000 rubles' worth of shoes, i.e., more than 18,500 pairs of shoes. Even worse is their plan fulfillment according to assortment and quality. Moreover, no essential improvement has occurred since the beginning of the second 6 months.

In Store No 42 of the Municipal Trade System (Gortorg) the material in men's suits is good, but the sewing is slipshod. Also in Store No 60, in the center of Stanislav, men's suits and women's dresses made of expensive materials show the same deficiency. The Stanislav and Kolomyia Sewing Factories are responsible for these goods. A similar situation exists with regard to the latest novelty of summer footwear.

KIRGIZ INDUSTRIAL COMBINE MAKES NEW PRODUCTS -- Sovetskaya Kirgiziya, No 148, 27 Jul 48

The Atbashtinskiy Rayon (Tyan'-Shan Oblast) Industrial Combine began producing wagons (brichki) from local raw material in June 1948. Production of 40 one-horse and two-horse wagons is planned by the end of 1948. A shop producing clothes brushes was opened under the Rayon Industrial combine.

MOLDAVIAN CONSUMER GOODS PRODUCTION UP -- Sovetskaya Moldaviya, No 148, 27 Jul 48

Bendery industrial artels operated at a loss for a long time. At present, however, ten artels out of 16 are following the example set by Moscow enterprises, which have refused to accept State subsidies and are functioning efficiently. These ten artels have accumulated more than 100,000 rubles in profits. The assortment of commodities has also been increased. The "9 Maya" Artel is currently turning out brick and lime and the "Bol'shevik" Artel is manufacturing other items which are in great demand.

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